

BANQUET A SUCCESS.

It Was Largely Attended by the Business Men of Crangeburg.

Many Prominent People From Other Cities Were Present and Enjoyed the Pleasures of the Evening.

The Banquet of the Business Men's League, which was held at the Elk's Hall on Wednesday evening, was a grand success, and the committee who got it up and carried it to a successful termination deserves the thanks of the entire community. The banquet was largely attended by the business men of the city, as well as many prominent gentlemen from other places. It was truly a representative gathering, and it is needless to say that all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The members of the League and the invited guests met at the courthouse at seven o'clock and marched in a body from there to the banquet hall, where a most delicious dinner was served and enjoyed by all who attended. It was prepared by the ladies of the U. D. C. Chapter, which is a guarantee of its character. The following was the bill of fare:

MENU

Oyster Cocktails	Sandwiches
Crackers	Cold Slaw
	Veal Croquets
Hot Green Peas	Rice Pilau
Country Turkey	Turkey Ham
Turkey Salad	Potato Salad
Olives	Pickles
	Celery
Wurzbürger Hofbrau a la Edisto	River water
(Who drinks of the Edisto once, must surely drink again)	
Crackers	Cheese
Cigars	Cigarettes

So this is a toast to the Orangeburg League.

And our loved and honored guests; Of all the cities of the earth Ours the greatest and best.

Everything served County raised and Home MAID.

After the above menu was thoroughly partaken of the following program was carried out:

MUSIC

There'll be a hot old time in Orangeburg tonight, Hustle, fun and Everything else that's bright, We're out of "biz," where there's any "biz" to get;

There's going to be a hot time in Orangeburg tonight.

President R. H. Jennings, acting as toast master, then announced the following toasts:

"The Water Wagon"—Navigation. This was responded to by Col. W. W. Ball, of the News and Courier, who handled his subject in a masterly manner.

"The A. B. C. of Life"—Education. County Superintendent of Education Stiles R. Mellichamp responded to this sentiment in his usual happy style.

"A Helper Always"—The Press. Col. W. E. Gonzales, Editor of the Columbia State, responded most appropriately to this sentiment, paying a handsome and just compliment to the Press in general and the Press of South Carolina in particular.

"Riding the Rail"—Railroad. The Hon. Saml. Dibble made a happy response to this sentiment.

"Country and City"—was responded to in a most patriotic speech by the Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, who sustained himself as a fluent and eloquent speaker. Col. Henderson is a candidate for the United States Senate and he was given a warm and cordial reception as one of the speakers.

"Rivers and Harbors." This toast was responded to by the Hon. J. A. Fox of Arkansas, who made a magnificent speech on the subject of opening rivers and streams to navigation. He referred to the Edisto River and said it would be a great help to all the people living along its banks if it could be navigable to the sea. Mr. Fox is touring the South in the interest of this work and trying to arouse a sentiment in its favor.

The Military Band, which is composed of some of our best young men, under the lead of Mr. O. K. Wilson, furnished delightful music for the occasion, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard it. Taken all in all, the banquet was one of the most pleasant and successful things of the kind ever held in Orangeburg. It should be held every year. It does our people good to meet in this way and hear matters discussed by strangers and our home people.

Our Thanks Tendered.

We are indebted to The News and Courier, through Mr. L. H. Wannamaker, Jr., their talented and wide awake Orangeburg correspondent, for the use of the Calhoun County map, which we published last Friday, and we hereby return our thanks for the same. We will gladly reciprocate the courtesy at any time that it will be in our power to do so.

Stole Some Corn.

The stable of Mr. Julius Albrecht was entered one night recently and some corn stolen. Sometime ago a turkey was stolen from the same place, presumably by the same thief. Mr. Albrecht ought to set a steel trap for the light fingered gentleman.

Trestle Burned.

The first of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway over the Edisto River was partially burned one night last week. The damage was not very great and it was soon repaired. One or two trains were delayed a few hours. The fire was caused from a passing engine.

DISFRANCHISEMENT LEGAL.

At Least, So Decides the State Supreme Court.

The State Supreme Court has decided unanimously that the disfranchisement of the voters who were not allowed to vote in the Calhoun County election was legal and that those voters have practically no redress so far as the courts of this State are concerned.

On Monday the court dismissed the writ of certiorari, which was argued last week, and thus upholds the validity of the election to establish Calhoun County. The judgment of the Court is unanimous. The Court's decision is not given in full and the reasons will be filed later, but the decision is handed down promptly perhaps for the reason that the Court realizes that to delay would be to prevent the matter being passed on by the General Assembly at this session. The order of the Court is as follows:

State of South Carolina, in the Supreme Court—November term, 1907.—State ex rel A. C. Smith, et al. relators, vs State board of canvassers, respondents. Order:

The record in this case was certified up to this Court and has been duly considered. There is no error. Hence the writ is dismissed. The reasons for this judgment will be stated at a later time.

Y. J. Pope, Chief Justice.
Eugene B. Gary, A. J.
Ira B. Jones, A. J.
C. A. Woods, A. J.

ABOUT MORTGAGING CROPS.

A Bill to Supplement the Repeal of the Lien Law.

On Tuesday, under special orders Mr. Hydrick called up his bill requiring existence of crops to make mortgages valid. This bill is intended to supplement the repeal of the lien law, and is as follows:

No mortgage of any crop or crops shall be good and effective to convey to the mortgagee any interest in any crop of crops to be raised during the year in which said mortgage is given, and unless the land whereon said crop or crops are to be raised shall be described or mentioned in said mortgage, and unless the crop or crops herein referred shall be up and growing at the time of the execution of the mortgage. The bill will not take effect until the first day of next January.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Twin Children of a Colored Woman Meets Awful Fate.

On the place of Mr. Geo. G. Shuler, in Providence Township, a pair of twins, the only children of Limus Scott, colored, met an awful fate by being burned to death. The two children, who were not quite two years old, were left alone in the cabin in which they lived for a short time. When their mother returned she found them both on fire, and they were so badly burned before the fire was extinguished that they died in a few hours. It is supposed that the children went too near the fire and their clothing caught on fire with the result above described. It is terrible that two little children should be left alone to meet such an awful fate as these did, and there ought to be a law punishing parents for such criminal carelessness.

A Card.

Editor Times and Democrat.

On behalf of the Orangeburg Fire Department I beg to thank you for the kind reference in the last issue of your paper to the work of the Department at the recent fire on Amelia Street. While the equipment of the Department is not up to the standard as we would like it to be and necessarily valuable time is often lost in arriving at and getting to work at fires, yet the firemen of Orangeburg stand ready at all times to do the best they can with what they have to protect the lives and property of our city.

Again thanking you,
Yours truly,
T. O. S. Dibble,
Chief Org. Fire Department.

Will Lecture at St. Paul.

Miss Mabel Head, the Associate Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will speak at St. Paul's Methodist Church on next Tuesday night at half-past seven o'clock. The Home Mission Society is doing a great work, establishing mountain schools, rescue homes, settlement homes, supporting deaconesses, building parsonages, etc. The public is most cordially invited to go out and hear Miss Head.

Meets Death in Storm.

A severe wind storm passing through the Fort Mill section Sunday night, blew down the house of Mr. Eljah Merritt, a young farmer. One of the heavy timbers fell across the bed in which his eldest daughter, 12 years old, was sleeping, killing her instantly. The other members of the family were not hurt. This same storm passed over Orangeburg County, but did not do much harm.

Married at Home.

Mr. Lawrence Stephens and Miss Lula Lowry were married on last Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowry, near Orangeburg. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. D. Dantzer. The young couple have the best wishes of many friends.

Knocked Us Out.

We have often heard it said that a gripe is no respecter of persons and we know from personal experience that it is no respecter of great occasions, so it kept us from attending the banquet of The Business Men's League on Wednesday evening, much to our regret.

SHOT BY A NEGRO.

A Young White Man is Seriously Wounded in a Row.

Mr. Walter Boyleston, While on His Way Home From this City, Has an Altercation With Isaac Glover.

Mr. Walter Boyleston, a young white man about twenty years of age, was shot and perhaps seriously wounded at half-past 6 o'clock Tuesday night by Isaac Glover, a negro who had been employed on the sewer work now in progress in this city.

The shooting occurred just on the other side of the Edisto River, about a mile from Orangeburg, while Mr. Boyleston was on his way home from the city. There is evidence of only one shot having taken effect, and from what can be learned no others were fired. The ball entered at the bottom of the neck just above the junction of the collar and breast bones.

Soon after the shooting the wounded man was brought into the city and taken to the Wannamaker Manufacturing Company's Drug Store, where an examination was made by Drs. D. D. Salley and L. C. Shecut. It was deemed advisable to send Boyleston to the Columbia Hospital on the eight o'clock train, and hence the doctors did not have time in which to make a thorough examination to locate the ball.

Up to the time for leaving for Columbia Boyleston was cheerful and the loss of blood did not seem to have affected his strength to any extent. He was conscious the whole time, and was willing to talk about the affair as much as the doctors would allow him on account of the uncertainty of his real condition and the possibility of his being fatally wounded.

It was thought best to have Boyleston make an ante-mortem statement, which, after it had been written down, he signed in the presence of a number of witnesses. The statement is substantially as follows:

"I was going home in my buggy alone and had just crossed the first bridge on the causeway beyond the river when I hollered, 'Heigh,' just for fun; I did not see the negro, who was coming from the opposite direction on foot. Just as I hollered the negro cursed me and dared me to get out of the buggy. I got out and went towards the negro and asked him what he meant. We clinched and the negro pushed me into the ditch and fired. I had a 28-calibre pistol in my hip pocket, but made no attempt to draw it. My pistol was not in my pocket after the shot was fired. I saw no one until Mr. Wm. Hartnett and Mr. Lowery drove up."

Mr. Hartnett says that he passed in his buggy and saw Boyleston and the negro rowing and after driving a little further he heard one shot. He turned around and came back towards the city and found Boyleston in the ditch with a bullet wound in his neck.

He put the wounded man in his buggy and brought him to town for medical attention.

Boyleston says also that if the negro used his (Boyleston's) pistol he doesn't know how he got it, but thinks it must have fallen from his pocket when he fell. He said that the negro appeared to him to be drunk.

The police immediately commenced a search for Glover. They were informed by a young brother of the negro who did the shooting that Glover stated that he shot with Boyleston's pistol and was going to Sheriff Duke's to take the pistol and surrender. This he did at 11 o'clock that night and was placed in jail. He also delivered up a 28-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol.

Young Boyleston is the son of Mr. John A. Boyleston, a prominent farmer living just a few miles from town. He has been employed in the city and is considered a quiet and peaceable young man, and his friends hope that his wound will not prove serious. We take the above account of the trouble from the News and Courier. It was furnished by the Orangeburg correspondent of that paper.

Home Reception.

Many invitations were issued by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Funches last week to a reception at their home near Rowesville in honor of their daughters, Misses Marion and Alma. At the appointed hour quite a number assembled and enjoyed the charming hospitality accorded them. Several nice games were played and delicious refreshments were served.

Enjoying the evening were: Misses Marion and Alma Funches, Pearl Dukes, Nellie Summers, Annie Wolfe, Myrtle Dukes, Minnie Funches, Jessie Dukes, Pauline Funches, Willie Hulmina, Elize, Nellie Izlar, Annie Simmons, Ollie Hutto, Blanche Funches, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hartness, Messrs. Art Whitstone, Norton Funches, Charlie Dukes, Willie Summers, Olin Whitstone, Frank Dukes, Jake Summers, Walter Edwards, Hubert Shuler, T. Williams.

Sorry We Missed Them.

Being confined to our home with a case of la grippe we missed meeting Mr. William Elliott Gonzales, the accomplished editor of the State, Col. W. W. Ball, one of the best writers on the editorial staff of the News and Courier, and Mr. Geo. M. Kohn, one of Orangeburg's bright young men, who is now connected with the advertising department of The State, while they were in the city on Wednesday to attend the banquet of the Business Men's League. We would have been glad to have met these distinguished representatives of the Press and extended a personal welcome to them to the city of Orangeburg, but the monster la grippe decreed otherwise.

STATE BASE BALL LEAGUE.

An Organization Was Perfected at Sumter Monday Night.

A dispatch from Sumter to The News and Courier says the South Carolina State Base Ball League was organized there Monday night on a four club basis, with a unanimous sentiment in favor of making the League six cornered should two other acceptable towns come in the League. As organized the league consists of Sumter, Orangeburg, Rock Hill and Chester. Indications point to Florence and Camden as the other two members.

Hon. M. L. Smith, of Camden, was unanimously re-elected president and empowered to appoint a secretary and treasurer. A forfeit of \$300 to play out the season and live up to rules was agreed upon, same to be put up in negotiable paper by March 15th. The season will consist of seventy-two games, commencing Monday, May 4th.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee to arrange a schedule of games. The salary limit of players and manager was fixed at \$800. Last year's rules and regulations were adopted, subject to minor changes to be considered at future meetings. The meeting was enthusiastic, and reports from different towns interested point to a successful season.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Those Remaining Unclaimed in the Orangeburg Postoffice.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Orangeburg Post Office for the week ending Jan. 27, 1908. Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.

A. D. Webster, P. M.
Miss Marie Brockett, Mrs. Lizzie Brown, P. B. Brunson, Elmer Buwis, Emma Campbell, (2), Miss Nat Cannon, Eliza Copeland, Miss Allergoes Crawford, John Creel.

Mrs. Susan Daniels, Mrs. Rena A. Daniel.

Mrs. Flavilla N. Felder, David Felkel, Mrs. E. P. Fultivar.

Miss Rosa Glover (2), Miss Lishover Glover, A. F. Hollowell, Henry Hammonds, Mrs. G. N. Hoffman, Henry Hughes, Mrs. Harriett Hughes, W. H. Inabinet.

Edw. Johnson, Mrs. Isabell Joyner.

John Loeney.

Miss Rosa Martin, Wm. Mavins, Perry Mims, Miss Rosa Mims, A. W. Moore, (2), Sallie Morgan, Freddie Murray.

Miss Margaret Ramsey, Mrs. Emmet Reese, Mrs. Francis Rivers.

John Sanders, Miss Onie Sawyer, J. A. Scott, Miss Emmajane Shuler, Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, B. F. Slater, Jessie Starr, Mrs. Ina H. Steits, Mrs. F. A. Stroman.

J. M. Thomas, Simon P. Thompson, Miss Gertrude Tisdale.

Miss Lula B. Walker, James Water, Elizabeth Wilson.

A STIRRING ADDRESS.

To the Formers of Orangeburg County, Who Should Read It.

To the Farmers of Orangeburg County.

At eleven o'clock on next Monday morning the Orangeburg County Cotton Association will meet at the Courthouse for the election of officers for the ensuing year, delegates to the State Convention which meets in Columbia on Feb. 5, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. History proves that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"—political, financial and economical; therefore, let each and every one of the township clubs meet on or before next Saturday and send representative watchmen to Orangeburg on next Monday.

I would write a long letter showing the justice of our cause, the strength of our position, the absolute necessity for organization, the bright outlook for much higher prices for cotton, but I deem it unnecessary. Always bear in mind these plain, striking facts: the mighty Napoleon could not win victories unless he had at his back a full commissariat—we make our food crops; the dreaded boll weevil is steadily approaching the Atlantic States, we should not keep all our eggs in one basket, we must begin to put in practice a sound, safe, rational system of diversified agriculture.

The season of 1907 was unfavorable to cotton the world over. The cotton crop is short everywhere. In India, on good authority, we learn, it is two million bales short; in the United States the last census report shows number of bales of cotton gained from growth of 1907, to Jan. 16, 1908, 10,337,607 against 12,176,199 bales the year before. So it appears that the world will be short on cotton to the amount of three and a half or four million bales.

Mr. Ellison, a leading statistician, came out on the 21st instant estimating the consumption of American cotton this season at 12,400,000 bales. Prices on standard print clothes are 4 1-4 cents today (Jan. 22,) while the highest point reached during the Sully year, when cotton went to 17.60 cents, was only four cents. In their circular letter of Jan. 21, Messrs. Hubbard Brothers and Company, say: "The American spinners have been better buyers during the past week than at any time since the first of November, as they felt a better demand and found themselves without any supplies of cotton in their warehouses."

Farmers: You have the situation in your hands. Let every man who can do so hold his cotton. Hold it with a tight grip. Demand your price and get it. Remember "good men and true" west of the Mississippi and in every cotton State, are standing firmly for 15 cents cotton. Do your part. Exercise the privilege of a seller.

"Be not like dumb driven cattle; Be a hero in the strife!"

J. E. Wannamaker,

Pres. Org. Cotton Assn.

MAY CAUSE A SMILE.

A Column of Light Reading That Will Be Enjoyed

By All Who Like to Read Funny and Witty Sayings from the Magazines and Papers.

Complimentary.
Captain (to ladies on a steamer)—Ladies, please do not look so long at the compass, your magnetic eyes will spoil the course!

Rumor.
Rumor is a common noun, singular and feminine gender—except when it is used by stock gamblers to influence the market or by statesmen to influence politics.

Necessity is the grandmother of Rumor, because Rumor is the child of invention. Considered separately, its forebears are feminine ideobodies and masculine bushbodies.

The physical properties of Rumor are unique and interesting. It is more potent than fact, attains to a greater velocity than electricity, cannot be reduced to a syllogism, feeds on emotion, sleeps with one eye open, gathers strength with age and dies of punctured dropsy.

Rumor is like Santa Claus. We know its general tendencies, but not its specific origin. All we know of Rumor is from hearsay. No one has ever been arrested for stealing it, as the original owner is always unwilling to claim it. Rumor is predatory. Its chief quarry are lovers (married or single), preachers, social leaders, policemen, politicians and people. Its bitterest foe is Rumor. Therefore Rumor should always be treated homeopathically. Its motto is: "Don't believe half you hear and forget the other half."—Lippincott's.

Drumming the Drummer.

In the Silver Bow club in Helena they used to play big poker. At the game one day sat Marcus Daly, George Hearst and J. B. Haggin, when there burst in a radiant New York drummer who had a two weeks' card to the institution. He marched up to the players and politely inquired if he might take a hand.

"Why, yes. Come right in," said Daly.

The drummer pulled out a roll of bills and threw a \$100 note on the table. "Let me have cups for that," he said grandly. He went to hang up his coat and hat. When he returned the bill still lay on the table.

"What's the matter, gentlemen? Ain't my money good?"

"Why, yes, to be sure," said Daly.

"Hearst, give the gentleman one white chip."

Rough on the Dictionary.

Billy, aged twelve, took part in a debate on imperialism. His opponent made a point by quoting the definition of empire from the dictionary. Billy, nothing daunted, with all the air of Patrick Henry, rose up and said:

"It's all right for my opponent to quote from the dictionary, but as for me I rely on the facts!"—Everybody's.

A Wife's Ready Wit.

A popular clergyman saw a lady about to call whom he was anxious not to meet. So he said to his wife, "I'll run upstairs, my dear, and escape till she goes away."

After about an hour he quietly tiptoed to the stair landing and listened. All was quiet below. Reassured, he began to descend and called out over the balustrade:

"Well, my dear, you got rid of that old bore at last."

The next instant a voice from below rooted him to the spot. It was the voice of the caller! Then came a response which sounded inexpressibly sweet to him. It was the voice of his wife:

"Yes, dear, she went away over an hour ago. But here is our good friend, Mrs. Blank, whom I am sure you want to meet."

The Deacon Was Right.

A minister announced to his flock that he would have to leave them, as he was called to another field.

"How much more salary do you expect to get than here?" asked one of the deacons.

"Three hundred dollars," remarked the minister, with some hesitation.

"I don't blame you for going," but you should be more exact in your language. That isn't a 'call,' it's a 'raise.'"

—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Young Minister's Impression.

A young minister was particularly anxious to make a favorable impression on his hearers at his first Sabbath morning service.

In the quietness of his study he suddenly hit upon a plan whereby this end would admirably be accomplished. His text for the following Sunday was, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove."

To carry out the minister's great idea the Irish sexton was necessary, and Pat was sent for.

"Now, Patrick," said the minister, "on next Sunday morning I am going to preach a sermon on the text, 'And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove.' I want you to climb up into the belfry and station yourself at the small trapdoor over the center of the church and open it just enough so you can distinctly hear every word I say and still not make yourself seen by any one in the congregation. About the middle of my sermon I shall repeat the text, 'And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove,' and you are to lower a live snow white dove, which I shall give you, down through the opening, and it will flutter through the air and be the means of making a deep impression on my hearers, who will readily see its connection with the text."

On Sunday morning Patrick departed with the dove, even himself deeply impressed with the great originality of the young minister had displayed, and promising that he would faithfully carry out to the letter every wish.

The congregation was much larger than usual, and all were anxious to

hear the young minister, who had come to them "highly recommended." They were all attention, and not a sound was heard except that which proceeded from the mouth of the eloquent speaker.

The middle of the sermon was reached, and the text was slowly and distinctly repeated, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." The reverend gentleman lifted his eyes slightly, expecting to see the beautiful symbol of purity and peace hovering over the heads of his hearers.

But no dove. Pat had evidently forgotten the cue or had failed to bear the minister at the important moment. So the text was repeated, this time a little louder, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." He arched his eyebrows a little higher, but no dove greeted his vision. He began to grow impatient, and the third time he repeated at the top of his voice, "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." This time his eyes looked straight up as if in prayerful attitude, and he was rewarded, not by the graceful sway of the dove through the air, as had expected, but by the grimy, frightened face of Pat, who, in the agony of his failure to carry out his part of the plot, blurted out:

"Say, yer reverence, yer reverence, the cat cut up the Holy Ghost. Shall Oi shind down the cat?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

NEWS FROM BOWMAN.

Farmers Want the Lien Law Repealed and Other Items.

Bowman, S. C., Jan. 27. Special—The four R. F. D. Routes going out from here are getting along nicely. Some changes were made when the complete R. F. D. Service was organized for this county some time ago, to go into effect here first of January. The only drawback to the system here now is the recent change in schedule on the Southern Railroad, causing the mail to be delivered here an hour later than before, consequently two of the carriers cannot leave on schedule time as arranged by the Postoffice Department.

One of these has a little more than 25 miles to travel and cannot make the return trip on schedule time without driving harder than usual. It is likely that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Department for proper adjustment in the near future.

Considerable fertilizers are being hauled out daily by the farmers of this section. There seems to be a disposition to use the stuff quite freely again this year.

The banks and merchants of Bowman are feeling their way cautiously in advancing money and supplies this year. The indications now point to the fact that this will be the last year for the operation of the lien law as it now stands on the statute book. The honest, hard working class of farmers, white and colored, who have been in the habit of giving liens can continue to get credit so long as they act honestly in the matter. The hue and cry of some that the abolition of the lien law will entail hardship on the poorer class of farmers is all bosh. The trifling ones who have been in the habit of giving a lien here and there they can get from the banks extra are the ones that will "catch the devil."

There is always a bend in the road ahead even if it does run straight for a long distance, and that bend is just in front of many a darkey today. Many of the best farmers of the county are badly hampered in the management of their farms for lack of labor, the primary cause of which is the much abused lien law. The majority of them demand its abolition, they think their demands are just and entitled to due consideration by our lawmakers.

The Graded School here under the Superintendence of Prof. C. J. Rast and his able corps of assistants is doing good work. A number of students are in attendance coming from quite a distance out in the country. The enrollment is much larger than at any time in the history of the school.

The infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. Thos. Carter died here yesterday morning and was taken to St. Stephens via Orangeburg for burial. The remains were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Carter and her mother.

A representative of The News and Courier in the person of Mr. Jack Lehman, spent several days in the interest of the paper on the R. F. D. Routes of this section. A number of subscribers both daily and weekly was secured along the several routes.

Dundee.

An Oriental Party.